



Doing Business with Department of Veterans Affairs



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***"To care for him who shall have borne the
battle,
and for his widow, and his orphan."
--Abraham Lincoln, 1865***



Our Mission



The mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs is one of service to more than 27 million veterans who have so unselfishly served their country. To accomplish this mission, the products and services of industry are required.



Which Companies can do Business with VA Caribbean Healthcare System



Any company that is registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) and is not excluded from the Federal Procurement. These companies will be able to do business with us and/or other Federal Agencies.



Finding Bid Announcements and Solicitations



✦ Where?

- Federal Business Opportunities (FEDBIZOPPS):

<http://www.fedbizopps.gov>

- Bids Procurement Report Subscription:

Tel. 787-731-2525/272-0860

<http://www.Bidspr.com>



Where can I find procurement opportunities?



🔗 In the Forecast of Contracting Opportunities, you may access:

<http://www.va.gov/osdbu>

NOTE: Ensure your company falls under the program Set-aside



Requirements



✦ **Request a Duns & Bradstreet (DUNS) number:**

<http://www.fedgov.dbn.com>

or calling 1-866-705-5711

✦ **Company must register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR):**

<http://www.ccr.gov>



Requirements (cont.)



- ✦ **Company must complete the On-line Representations and Certifications (ORCA):**

<https://orca.bpn.gov/>

or when registering in CCR

- ✦ **If company is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business/Veteran Owned Small Business, must register in VA's Vendor Information Pages (VIP) Database:**

<https://vip.vetbiz.gov/>



Requirements (cont.)



- ✦ **Ensure your company is under the category specified in the announcement:**
{Small Disabled Veteran-owned Small Businesses, Veteran Owned Small Business, 8(a), Hubzone, etc.}
- ✦ **Ensure company is registered under the appropriate North American Industrial Code System (NAICS) and meets the Size Standard**



Requirements (cont.)



- ✦ **Company must be capable of providing Performance and Payment Bonds for 100% of Bid price; Bid Bond for 20% of Bid price. (Applicable for Construction projects only)**
- ✦ **Company is capable of providing Certificate of Insurances during contract period.**
{General Liability, Personal Property, Workmen's Compensation (Fondo del Seguro del Estado), etc.}



Applicable Laws



- ✦ **Public Law 109-461- The Veterans Health Care, Benefits and Information Technology Act of 2006**
 - In effect since June 20, 2007
 - Establishes a set-aside and sole-source award mechanism for Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB)/Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (VOSB).



Applicable Laws (cont.)



- ✦ **Establishes a clearly defined contracting preference (hierarchy) for VA acquisitions:**
 - **SDVOSBs**
 - **VOSBs**
 - **Section 8(a) – HUBZones**



Applicable Laws (cont.)



- ☀ Veterans First Contracting Program - Verification Program:**
 - SDVOSBs/VOSBs companies must apply for verification by submitting VA Form 0877 to the Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE)**
 - Voluntary; however, to participate in requirements conducted under authority of PL 109-461, businesses must be verified**
 - Deadline: December 31, 2011**



What do we buy?



- ✦ Pharmaceuticals, medical and surgical supplies
- ✦ Perishable subsistence
- ✦ Equipment, supplies, and materials for facility operation
- ✦ Maintenance and repair of medical/scientific equipment
- ✦ Building construction, maintenance, and repair
- ✦ Prosthetic and orthopedic aids
- ✦ Medical gases



Contracting Methods

How do we buy?



- ✦ **Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAP)**
 - Governmentwide commercial purchase card
 - Acquisition of Commercial Items (Supplies and Services)
- ✦ **Sealed Bidding**
- ✦ **Negotiations**



Types of Contracts



- ✦ **Firm-Fixed Price**
- ✦ **Indefinite-Delivery**
 - **Definite-quantity**
 - **Requirements**
 - **Indefinite-quantity**
- ✦ **Firm-Fixed Price/Indefinite Quantity**
- ✦ **Agreements (Non-contract)**
 - **Blanket Purchase Agreements**



Contracting Categories



- ✦ **Architect-Engineer Contracts**
- ✦ **Construction Contracts**
- ✦ **Health Care Contracts**
- ✦ **Leasing Contracts**
- ✦ **Service Contracts**
- ✦ **Supply Contracts**
- ✦ **Other Government Agency Contracts**



Small Business Programs



- ✦ **Small Disabled Veteran-owned Small Businesses Program (SDVOSB)**
- ✦ **Veteran-Owned and Operated Small Business (VOB) Program**
- ✦ **8(a) Program**
- ✦ **Hubzone Program**
- ✦ **Small Disadvantaged Business Program**
- ✦ **Women Owned Business Programs**
- ✦ **Subcontracting Program**



For further information



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Questions?

